Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Frances Eva Coulson was born on November 26, 1912 in Erwin, South Dakota, to Albert and Myrtle Coulson; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, In 1930, Frances graduated from Lake Preston High School in Lake Preston, South Dakota. She furthered her education and received a degree in Home Economics from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, in 1935; and,

Whereas, Frances married Renold Smith on June 21, 1939, in Lake Preston, and to this union they were blessed with 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Frances retired from teaching in 1980 after a 33 year teaching career in Alpena, Lane, and Bryant, South Dakota; and,

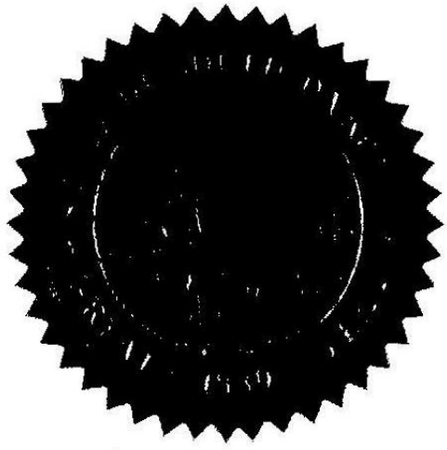
Whereas, Frances happily resides in Sioux Falls and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2012, as

FRANCES SMITH DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller / Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State